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1.FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VIBE RECEIVED DCM ON AUG 19 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF KOREAN RESOLUTION PER REFTEL. VIBE ASKED UN AMBASSADOR ALGARD, WHO WAS CHATTING WITH DCM, TO JOIN THE DISCUSSION.

2. VIBE WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE LANGUAGE IN PARA 3A OF REFTEL WHICH HE SAID WAS RESPONSIVE TO HIS QUERY AND WOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO HIS MINISTER IN CHAIRING THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN OSLO, AUG 21-22. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW SERIOUS THE PROPOSAL MIGHT BE, BUT NOTED THAT SWEDEN AT NORDIC UN REPRESENTATIVES' MEETING THE PREVIOUS WEEK HAD INTRODUCED A NEW ARGUMENT INTO THE KOREAN DISCUSSION. AFTER EXAMINING THE MINUTES OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN 1950, SWEDISH LAWYERS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT IS UP TO THE U.S. RATHER THAN SECURITY COUNCIL TO
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DECIDE ON THE FUTURE OF THE UN COMMAND. VIBE NOTED THAT THIS HAS

CERTAINLY NOT BEEN THE NORWEGIAN INTERPRETATION AND THAT IT WOULD RUN COUNTER TO THE ASSUMPTION UNDERLYING RESOLUTION 3333 ADOPTED AT THE LAST SESSION.

DCM COMMENTED THAT, IN HIS MEMORY, U.S. WAS EMPOWERED BY SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTION IN 1950 AND IT COULD NOT ACT INDEPENDENTLY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, CERTAINLY, ON AN ISSUE WHICH SO DIRECTLY INVOLVES QUESTION OF PEACE AND SECURITY. VIBE SAID HE WOULD KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOPMENT IN THIS LINE OF ARGUMENT.

3. DCM STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. NOT ONLY OF HAVING NORWAY CO-SPONSOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BUT ALSO OF HAVING NORWAY VOTE AGAINST AND NOT SIMPLY ABSTAIN ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION PER REFTEL B. VIBE RESPONDED ALONG USUAL LINES, RELATING NORWAY'S POSITION TO ITS EFFORT TO REMAIN IMPARTIAL BETWEEN THE TWO KOREAS. AMB ALGARD SPOKE UP AT THIS POINT TO SAY THAT IMPARTIALITY DOES NOT REQUIRE MATHEMATICAL EQUALITY, TENDING TO CORROBORATE REPORTS HE TENDS TO BE MORE SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. POSITION THAN HIS VOTING RECORD AT U.N. MIGHT SUGGEST. ALGARD STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR NORWAY TO CO-SPONSOR BUT HE IMPLIED THAT NORWAY MIGHT AGREE TO VOTE AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, WHICH HE ALSO THINKS HAS GOOD CHANCE OF BEING ADOPTED. VIBE DID NOT COMMIT HIMSELF RE NORWAY'S POSITION ON EITHER RESOLUTION, NOTING THAT HE COULD NOT DO SO IN ADVANCE OF THE NORDIC MINISTERIAL.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THE CHANCE FOR NORWAY'S CO-SPONSORSHIP APPEARS QUITE BLEAK, THERE IS AT LEAST A FIGHTING CHANCE THAT NORWAY WILL VOTE AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. BOTH NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE BEING PRESSED AT EVERY TURN BY THE NORTH KOREANS, AND THEY WOULD OBVIOUSLY FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE FOLLOWING NORWAY'S USUAL POLICY OF ABSTENTION ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

5. ON THE MORE GENERAL QUESTION OF THE NORDIC MINISTERIAL, VIBE SAID "IT WAS AGREED TO ISSUE A QUITE STRONG STATEMENT NOT SPECIFICALLY NAMING ISRAEL BUT UNDERSCORING THE IMPORTANCE OF UNIVERSALITY OF UN MEMBERSHIP." REGARDING THE FINNISH POSITION, ALGARD SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THERE HAD BEEN SOME DEVELOPMENT IN FINNISH THINKING, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE ISSUE NOW INVOLVED ISRAEL RATHER THAN SOUTH AFRICA.

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